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For: METHODS TO DETERMINE NUMBERS OF PARTICLES IN MULTIPLEXED ASSAYS (AS AMENDED)

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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE -- EXAMINING GROUP 1641**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a final rejection herein, mailed 19 April 2006, time for response to which was set to expire 19 July 2006. This response is submitted within two months of the mailing date of the rejection, and thus expedited procedure is requested. The pending claims, claims 1-7, were rejected. The only proposed amendments to the claims are in direct response to the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 2. Therefore, entry of these amendments, though made after final, is respectfully requested. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-7 is also requested.